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DIARY NOTES

25X1A ADD/A [REDACTED]

15 January 1953

25X1A9a 1. After consultation with [REDACTED] of Communications, requested the General Counsel's comment on a Communications' proposal to buy a well [REDACTED] at a cost of \$4,500 and put a 4" pipeline from the well to the station at a cost of an additional \$15,000. There is no question but what this would be a far more satisfactory and cheaper arrangement than the present one where all of the water is hauled by truck for several miles. However, since [REDACTED] is sometimes tricky on water rights and other property arrangements, and inasmuch as Larry Houston and his people have had some experience with it already, I have asked them to look at it before sending it out. 25X1A6a H 25X1A6a

25X1A6a 2. Referred to Ed Saunders for comment and recommendation requests from Communications for payments to two employees who, a couple of years ago, were sent to [REDACTED] without being allowed to take their automobiles or household furniture; deadline on this is 20 January.

3. Ed Saunders reports that the Bureau of the Budget has informally agreed to our proposal to undertake certain construction in the Far East if we reduce the cost of housing to the amount spent by the Department of Defense. Instructed Mr. Saunders to draft a memorandum for Mr. Wolf's signature to the Director requesting his approval.

4. Ed Saunders reports that a letter has been received from the Bureau of the Budget which allows us an average employment of [REDACTED] people during Fiscal Year 1954. 25X9A2 H

5. Ed Saunders has arranged to make final payment to Stuart Hedden on Monday.

25X1A9a 6. At [REDACTED] request I have instructed [REDACTED] to get in touch with appropriate people at the Department of State and arrange to have General Smith's private line transferred there. If this cannot be done Mr. [REDACTED] will let me know since Mr. [REDACTED] indicated that General Smith would want to bear the cost personally if the Department of State would not do so. 25X1A9a 25X1A9a

25X1A9a 7. Shef Edwards suggests that Mr. [REDACTED] has been on the Alert Planning job long enough now that we can take Mr. Peel off of the Ad Hoc Alert Planning Committee. I told him that I would talk to Mr. Peel about this and let him know. I am sure that it can be done since the only purpose in having Mr. Peel on the Committee was to provide continuity.

8. Bob Amory telephoned to request that the Classification review of his T/O be expedited. There seems to be some controversy between Personnel and ORR which I will look into.

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25X1A9a 9. [REDACTED] discussed [REDACTED] efficiency report with Jack 25X1A9a
25X1A9a [REDACTED] who referred the matter to me. I will instruct Charlie that the report
should be made out in letter form signed by Mr. Wisner and reviewed by Mr. Dulles.
There is no necessity for bothering General Smith with it.